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Invitation to the Baltic Sea Summer School on Epilepsy (BSSSE)

The Baltic Sea Summer School is an initiative of the Scandinavian Epilepsy Societies in response to the high priority which the ILAE is giving to transnational educational activities. The BSSSE is held annually at varying sites around the Baltic Sea. It provides young talent with a unique possibility to closely meet over several days with some of the leading epileptologists from the region, and also to exchange views and experiences with a young peer group from neighbouring countries. One of the purposes of this series of summer schools is to strengthen professional cooperation and good neighbourhood around the Baltic Sea, and to facilitate the establishment of transnational research networks.

The hallmark of the BSSE is the use of modern methods of adult education, reducing frontal teaching to a minimum, applying instead interactive group work (tutorials, case-oriented learning, analysis of well-prepared cases etc.) Each participant is expected to bring at least one problematic case history, or results of own research (even if preliminary). There is ample occasion for thorough discussions of these.

The first BSSSE was held in 2007 in Lithuania. It had 33 participants (the accepted maximum is 40), from 12 countries with an average age of 32. In their final evaluation they gave the summer school quite extraordinary marks. Many of them expressed a wish to come again, and BSSSE 2 will therefore have a different programme.

In the first week of September 2008, the Danish Epilepsy Society will be hosting BSSSE 2 in Tune, in the countryside just off Copenhagen and easily reachable. The all-inclusive registration fee for the 4 - day course is 800 €, based on sharing a room with another participant. A substantial number of bursaries are available, please apply! Single rooms in restricted number are available for an extra 82 € (not covered by the bursaries) and will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

With respect to registration and further information please consult the WebSite of EUREPA, the European Epilepsy Academy www.epilepsy-academy.org.

I look forward to meet you in Tune in September for the BSSSE 2.

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